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## OREGON'S THIRTY-EIGHTH COMMENCEMENT.

### Oregon Public Schools Close for the Year with Splendid Programs.

If there is any one feature that Oregon people take more interest and pride in than any other, it is her public schools. The interest taken by the public in selecting an able and efficient board of education, and competent teachers, has never waned, but increases each year, until now there is no city in our state of like population that has superior, and few have equal educational advantages.

Another successful term of school closed here last week, by the commencement exercises, the Baccalaureate sermon being delivered by Rev. Kliphardt, of St. Joseph, on Sunday, May 21.

Our beautiful city has always offered superior advantages for securing a good education, and these advantages have not been diminished the past year. The course of study is such that our high school articulates with all the prominent colleges of the country.

We therefore call attention to the Oregon high school, believing it to be as good as any of the educational institutions of Northwest Missouri, and the cost no greater. It has ever maintained its reputation as a leading school, and through its influence many of its young people have been led to the development of their intellectual faculties, and the place is largely peopled by cultured men and women.

As one evidence of this we point to our many beautiful homes and handsome and imposing new high school structure. Our city justly enjoys the reputation of being the most beautiful, healthy, moral and home-like place in this section of our state.

A glance backward through the vista of the last fifty years reveals strides in the direction of enlightenment and perfection that are absolutely appalling to the one who has not been in the habit of indulging in retrospection; while even he who has noted each step that has been cut by the knife of genius in the walls of progress, is apt to exclaim like Alexander, "There are no other worlds to conquer." Perfection has been reached.

On Wednesday evening, May 24, the 37th graduating exercises of the Oregon high school were held at the high school auditorium. To say they were a grand success in subjects, thoughts and delivery, but faintly expresses the real merit of the efforts of the graduates and orator.

Long before the hour announced for the opening exercises, the house was crowded to its utmost, every seat was occupied, and in a little time after, standing room was at a premium. And the excellence of the program from first to last was not to be questioned. Each individual member did his or her best to make the affair a success, and as a vast amount of care had been taken by the faculty to make the program an interesting one, the whole approached as near perfection as could be desired.

The class of 1916 was composed of an even number—ten young ladies and eight young men—one of the largest classes ever graduated from our school in any one year, and is evidence of the excellent work of Prof. Ensor, and principal, Miss Bennett. The class is composed of the following young men and women, and as the years come and go, we may expect to hear of each one "making good" in life's battle:

Mildred L. Koock  
Margery Patricia Fitzmaurice  
Edith Hinde  
Lucy Ellen Brown  
Ruth C. Dissinger  
Hallie M. Buntz  
Mildred B. King  
Mary Edith Lacey  
Gladys Ellen Moore  
Bertha M. Reynolds  
Herman F. Schulte  
Jay Ralph Petree  
Fred W. Knoblich  
Norman Francis Kloppe  
Henry R. Geil  
Russell B. Tochterman  
Francis W. Dawson  
Lester Bailey

The exercises were opened by sparkling musical numbers by Maupin's orchestra, of St. Joseph. These people are prime favorites of our people, and have been booked with us at commencement for a number of years.

The stage was handsomely decorated for the occasion, by the Juniors, and the class entered the auditorium in single file, the sexes alternating, to a march played by Miss Virginia Netherland.

The young lady graduates were robed in spotless white and each carried an arm bouquet of big red roses, which were tied with black ribbon. The young men appeared in their very best "bib and tucker." They made a splendid appearance, and The Sentinel sincerely trusts that each and every one will do something worth while, as they go journeying down life's pathway.

Superintendent Ensor introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. Leon D. Young, of Lincoln, Nebraska, who spoke on "Decision of Character and How to Attain It."

Dr. Young is a Kansas boy, being raised and partly educated at Highland, across the river from Oregon, the old town ever being on the retina of his eyes during his younger days,

and the only time his ball team was defeated, the Oregon team did the work. He is a gifted speaker, and every thought expressed in his masterful address was elevating and refining. He said in part:

"Men and women of character are always in demand. Our age demands strong men, but a man is as strong as his character. 'As a man is, so is his strength.' In the long run, a man of character is certain of the crown. The standards in all lines are rising and character is the determining factor. The price of success is rising, as well as the cost of living, and if success is won, the price demanded must be paid."

"In literature we demand that a book be readable and up to certain standards, but how much greater is the interest if we know that the author is a man of character, and that the ideals portrayed are but reflections of himself."



Oregon's New High School Building.

"Decision of character is a vital thing. We read in all pages of history and in newspapers accounts of failures of men for the reason that they had lost 'decision of character,' or never possessed it. The fall of Napoleon at Waterloo was cited as an example."

Dr. Young pleaded with the boys and girls of the class and all others in whatever walk of life they may be, to live clean, Godly lives, as only such people have that vital quality, "Decision of Character."

### The Grades.

Tuesday evening came the grade exercises, and the children and teachers of the grades had been on high tension for a week, preparing for the grade exercises, which is ever an important event in the lives of these



J. G. ENSOR, Superintendent Oregon Public Schools

little ones—the teacher, like the pupils, will ever remember the grade exercises of their early school days. The program was an excellent one, and the little ones played their parts well, while the teachers are to be congratulated for their excellent training. It takes patience and perseverance to develop a program for the various grades of a school. The program consisted of:

"Sunbonnet Babies and Overall Boys." Operetta by the first grade, Miss Burgert, teacher.

"Cinderella in Flower Land," by Grades 2, 3 and 4, Miss Kalb and Miss Petree, teachers.

"The May Queen Festival," Grade 5, Miss Kennedy, teacher.

"Patriotic Peanut Stand," Grades 6 and 7, Miss Kinzie, teacher.

A Notch Higher.

Thursday evening came the eighth grade promotion exercises, which were attended by a large crowd of fond mamma's and papa's, for they felt an especial pride in the fact that their boy or girl had attained such grades as to become Freshmen with the coming of the new school year. They constitute such a bunch of live wires, that before they become Seniors, it is likely that additional steel beams will have to be put into the high school building to hold it together. We trust that each and every one will be spared in health and possession of determination to become Seniors, and graduate from the old school, from which their fathers and mothers, and in some instances, their grandparents, graduated.

The program was an excellent one, and each number was splendidly sustained by the participant. It consisted of:

Voluntary March, Mrs. R. C. Kunkel  
Opening Chorus, "It's Very Clear You're Welcome Here,"  
Class Poem, Selma Hahn

Instrumental Duet, Helen Seeman and Mabel Schulte.  
Vocal solo, Beeler Fitzmaurice.  
National Suffragettes, Girls of Class Reading, Marie Hodgins.  
Instrumental solo, Edith Simmons.  
"Col. Zoo Zoo's Tobo Band," Boys of Class.  
Instrumental Trio, Orpha Stewart, Glenna Huiatt, Charlotte Allen.  
Instrumental solo, Orpha Stewart.  
Negro Pianologue, "Eph'm Jones."  
Duet and Chorus, "Is There Any Better Country Than the U. S. A.?" Marie Hodgins, Beeler Fitzmaurice and Class.  
Class Yell:  
"Rip! Rip! Bah!  
Sis! Boom! Bah!  
Eight Graders! Eighth Graders! Ha! Ha! Ha!"  
The promotion certificates were delivered to the following, constituting the 1916 class:



Oregon's New High School Building.

Inez Irene Alkire  
Charlotte Allen  
William Bryan Benton  
Edwin Hinde Bunker  
Valera Berry Danders  
Celia Fay Eddy  
Timothy Beeler Fitzmaurice  
Selma Irene Hahn  
Mildred Rosetta Kunkel  
Kathryn Marie Hodgins  
Glenna Huiatt  
Letha Mae Hicks  
Geraldine Vianna Laughlin  
Irvin Glenn Kurtz  
William Max Mitchell  
Erlie Gilbert Pierce  
Frank Hurley Pullen  
Albert Glenn Raley  
William Perry Henry Patterson  
Charles Philip Rush  
George Wilson Polley  
Mabel Alice Schulte  
Helen Mae Seeman  
Dora Elinora Simerly  
Edith Odessa Simmons  
Orpha Beulah Stewart

### "The Play's the Thing."

gave their class play, entitled "The Kingdom of Heart's Content." It was wisely chosen, and adopted to the occasion. The cast was so large as to require the entire class, and it proved a great success for there was not a drone in the cast, it could not well have been otherwise. Each member sustained their respective roll with much dramatic ability and each had a keen conception of the character impersonated. It is unnecessary to particularize as to the cast of characters. The leading roles in the play were sustained by Jay Petree, as "Tom Lansing," "Miles Alden," by Russell Tochterman; "Millicent Merrill," by Lucy Brown; and "Dixie Davis," by Edith Hinde; the soubrette was Miss Ruth Dissinger, who was greatly in love with the butcher boy, and they were splendidly supported in their characters by their class mates. Between the acts, Russell Tochterman sang "Love Moon," and the Misses Gladys Moore and Ruth Dissinger sang a duet, "All I Want is a Cottage, Some Roses and You." Miss Virginia Netherland accompanied the singers, on the piano.

The class play brought to a close the week's program of entertainments of our school closing for the school year of 1915-16, and with the closing comes the satisfaction of having a very successful school year. Teachers have been diligent and faithful in the discharge of their duties, and students have been decorous and studious, doing good work, done by encouragement from an able corps of teachers.

Prof. Ensor, our superintendent, has bent every energy to place and keep our school here to the very forefront, and to him and his principal, Miss Gertrude Bennett, much credit is due. Our capable superintendent is a young man with high ideals, a tireless student and worker, and is bound to win a name in the educational circles of Missouri. He will take a special course in "Teacher Training," at Columbia, during the vacation period, that he may be better fitted to follow his chosen profession wherever he may go.

### Their Pilgrimage.

Decoration Day brought many visitors here, and among whom we noticed: Hugh Montgomery and daughter, Mrs. Will McRoberts, of Mound City; Mrs. Minnie Cox, of Maitland; Mrs. Leota Philbrick, of St. Joseph; Mrs. Delia Crews and Mr. Otto Sellers, of Craig; Mrs. A. A. Disque, of St. Joseph; Bryant Foster, of Sparks, Kansas; Judge Jacob Wehrli and family, of Liberty township.

The Farmers and Merchants Highway and Improvement Club will meet at the Court House, next Monday evening, June 5, at 8 o'clock.

### Circuit Court Adjourns.

Judge Burnes brought the May term of our Circuit Court to an adjournment, Friday last, after having disposed of a large number of cases. Ed Fitzmaurice, et al vs. C. B. & Q. railroad company, and Michael and Minnie Fitzmaurice against the C. B. & Q. railroad company, damages. Both cases were continued by agreement. The same entries were made in the cases of Howard A. Douglas, Walter Fitzmaurice, Calvin C. and America Brown vs. C. B. & Q. railroad.

Willard Meyer vs. Edwin M. Miller, et al, suit for taxes under covenant in deed. This suit was upon the covenants of warranty, in a warranty deed. Plaintiff claimed that the defendants on April 17, 1911, conveyed certain lands in Section 18, 61, 38, to one Geo. B. Heatherington, and that on August 14, 1912, the plaintiff bought the land from Heatherington; that the defendants excepted in their deed as to the ordinary taxes of 1911, but that plaintiff was afterwards compelled to pay a special assessment for drainage, for which the land was liable, amounting together with the penalty to the sum of \$147, for which sum he asked judgment, which was given. A motion for a new trial was over-ruled, and an appeal was taken to the Kansas City Court of Appeals, and bond was fixed at \$300.

Emma Stephenson vs. Jesse Cordrey, damages. The parties to this suit both reside in Forbes township, and travel the same road to and from Oregon, both own automobiles, and on June 15, 1915, they met on the hill just southeast of the John Markt home and their autos collided. Considerable damage was done to both machines, but the car of the plaintiff received the most damage. The plaintiff asked for \$2,000 damages. The case was heard at the October, 1915, term, and the jury failed to agree. The case was called last week, and the jury found for the defendant. A motion for a new trial was over-ruled, and an appeal was taken to the Kansas City Court of Appeals, and bond was fixed at \$400.

J. C. Davis and James Goodson vs. Nodaway Drainage District, No. 1, appeal from J. P. by defendant. Continued.

A. W. VanCamp vs. Hugh Cass, suit on note. Continued for want of service.

E. E. Richards vs. R. B. Bridgeman, ejectment. Motion for new trial sustained.

R. B. Moody vs. Philip Fuhrman, attachment. This was a suit for the maintenance of a child, and grandchild of the plaintiff for some 13 years. Verdict for the plaintiff for \$1,000. Motion for new trial filed.

John W. Dinwiddie vs. Mina Wright, et al, mechanic's lien. Finding for defendant by agreement.

Wm. G. Andes vs. John F. Shipley, suit on note. Motion for new trial over-ruled, and the case was appealed to the Kansas City Court of Appeals, and bond fixed at \$5,000.

Mill Creek Drainage District vs. T. C. Dungan, et al, extension of boundaries. Continued.

Jane Cotten, et al vs. Harry Ramsey, et al, quiet title and partition. Continued.

In re, articles of incorporation and association of Squaw Creek Drainage District, No. 2, petition for incorporation. Plea in jurisdiction sustained. Appeal taken to Supreme Court.

In re, collateral inheritance tax vs. estate of George Weber, deceased, application for re-appraisal. Court named A. M. Tibbels as commissioner, and the cause was continued.

### Drowned in Big Lake.

Indeed our deepest sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tibbels, of Mound City, over the sad and sudden passing away of their dearly beloved 16-year-old son, Ronald, which occurred at the Big Lake, about 3:30 p. m., on Tuesday, May 30, 1916.

Young Ronald and a companion, Earl Deamont, about the same age, a son of Attorney J. B. Deamont, went over from their homes in Mound City, on their wheels to Big Lake, for a little outing, and they both went in bathing. Neither could swim, but they used water wings, and with the aid of these, he crossed the lake, but young Deamont would not venture out in the deep water. Ronald had made good progress, and when about one third across on his return trip, the wings broke, and he was helpless, and soon sank. His companion heard his cries for help and notified others, and John Iden hurried in a boat to the place, where Ronald went down, but did not reach him in time to be of any help. Every effort was promptly made by Mr. Iden and others, and after the third set in dragging the lake, the body was recovered in about an hour and fifteen minutes, some 75 yards from the west shore.

After recovery of the body, Dr. Fortescue, rendered every aid possible, of Falls City, Neb.; Dr. Morgan, of Graham, Mo.; Dr. Perry, of Mound City, and Dr. Lafe Minton, of Mound City, in the hope of resuscitating the body, but to no avail.

The body was taken to Mound City, and the funeral services were held Thursday morning, June 1.

The young man was most promising, a dutiful son, a good student, and to thus be taken in the very hey-day of a most beautiful life, is a shock that is hard to bear by his parents and sisters, and a shock most keenly felt by friends, who keenly sympathized with them.

—Will McRoberts and Dr. B. T. Quigley, of Mound City, were Oregon visitors, Thursday of last week.

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### BIVOUAC OF THE DEAD.

#### Revisited by Comrades, Who Have Survived the Nation's Martyrs.

A particularly tender significance attaches to Memorial Day this year. It is always an inspiring sight, those thin blue lines of heroes marching down our streets to do homage to their comrades who fell. This year it is more than ever touching in its memories. 103 years ago, the battle which determined the second war with Great Britain was fought; 53 years ago the pivotal battle of the Civil War was fought. Commodore Perry's victory on Lake Erie established the United States among the nations of the earth. It forced the admiration of the world. It preserved to the young Republic the states, which are now the banner commonwealths of the Middle West and the Northwest. The battle of Gettysburg was the turning point in the Civil War; freedom triumphed over slavery 53 years ago this coming July. From every viewpoint of memory and patriotism there is more significance to Memorial Day this year than ever before.

The ranks of the blue-clad survivors are thinning. The veterans marched to the cemetery with slow and faltering steps. Their life's course is almost run. Fifty-three years ago they were in the flower of manhood. Today they are in their sere and autumnal leaf. The bright colors of youth are fading, they are dimmed almost beyond discernment now. There can be but few more Memorial Days, in which the men who saved the Union in the years that tried men's souls can participate. It is all the more fitting, therefore, that a pause should be made in the practical work of the world and reverence be paid to their deeds and memory. A nation, without memories, is poor indeed. Decoration Day, is the crystallization of national memories into individual tributes. There is no duty confronting us, whatever the season, or whatever our individual fortunes, which can supplant in necessity the payment of loving tribute to the men whose glorious bravery perpetuated the nation.

The United States is what it is today because of what these men were yesterday. They quit the plow, the loom, the desk, wherever they were working. There were loved ones to minister to them fully as much as today. There is not a man living today with a duty to his family who would have more to sacrifice than had those soldiers, who marched to the front 51-55 years ago. There is no time limit to self-denial and service for the common good. Babies cried with hunger because men fought at Gettysburg, and Antietam, and Shiloh, and Chattanooga. Women went about their daily toil with awful suspense tugging at their heart-strings. Uncertainty was in the air and everywhere. Word came from the front, it was pregnant with sorrow. Men fell, but others stepped into their places. Women's faces became drawn and haggard, babies' faces became pinched. But still the men fought on. Can any one of those pages be turned over thoughtlessly today and the reader deserve prosperity and peace? It is because of all the particularly tender and touching significance which attaches to Memorial Day this year. There can be but few more Memorial Days with such significance. We trust the occasion will result in the rekindling of the fires of patriotism and devotion.

Memorial Sunday dedicated and observed by the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Veterans to the memory of the fallen heroes of the Civil War, members of Meyer Post, G. A. R., under command of G. W. Cummins, their commander, and Oregon Camp, Sons of Veterans, Frank Petree, commander.

Members of the organizations assembled at the public park and proceeded in a body to the First Presbyterian church to listen to the sermon, delivered by Rev. W. C. Johnson, pastor of the Evangelical church of this city, who had been selected by Meyer Post.

The services were held during the regular morning hour and a special musical program was given by the Presbyterian choir; Miss Emma Marker, of Denver, singing a solo, "Oh, Dry Those Tears."

The sermon, delivered by Rev. Johnson, was in full keeping with the occasion, that had called the old veterans and sons together, and the spirit and thoughtfulness of that patriotism that helps to make us better citizens and more mindful of the benefits that come to us through the mercy of the Divine Master.

The decorations were in keeping with the occasion, and were beautifully arranged, and while elaborate, it was not overdone; William Mark, of the Sons of Veterans, had charge of these.

Rev. Johnson is a forceful speaker and his effort was favorably received by the veterans and the splendid audience that was present. He chose for his theme "A Memorial of Liberty," taken from Joshua, 4:21, "What mean ye by these stones?" He said in part: "Israel marked the great events of her history with monuments. This heap of stones at Gilgal was to memorialize the Children of Israel and to their children, and the end of the wilderness journey, and the Jordan passage into the Promised Land. America has several monuments that are peculiar to her development. And the true American patriot will teach their children the real meaning of these things. I might speak of some of the material monuments commemorating some great event or some great personage,

but I have in mind some more notable things than even Bunker Hill and Washington's monuments.

"I would mention the setting apart of the Fourth day of July as the birthday of our nation—a day that means more to us than any other day, yet whose significance and real meaning is gradually being lost sight of. The fourth Thursday of November is another day that is peculiar to us as a national monument of recognition of God, as the author of all our prosperity and well-being. This day, that for more than half a century, has been observed as a day of giving special honor to the memory of those who gave their lives in service to their country should be held in sacred esteem by every home-loving citizen, and its significance should be impressed on their minds."

"Memorial Day means, that in a supreme crisis, the American stood the test. In that terrible internal struggle of the early 60's the world learned for the first time the kind of character belonging to Americans. They stood for principles. They exhibited unparalleled courage. They showed the strength of their love for liberty."

"It means that democracy and brotherhood rest upon tremendous sacrifices. You men of the Grand Army of the Republic crossed that Jordan through flames. You did it for slaves—the strong for the weak. You by that act—that bloody risk—demonstrated the truth of the old doctrine of the Brotherhood of Man, black or white. If your children would let slavery again assert its power, tell them what these stones mean."

"It means that for the birth and vast extension of democracy you cleared the way. Preserving American institutions and liberty, you made possible an America that might lead mankind up the path to brotherhood, equality and true freedom."

"It means to this generation that we must conserve the fruits of your victory by new victories. We possess the land. A right appreciation of 'these stones' as your memorial will only be realized by going on in the path you pointed out—emancipation of the human race—union—your work and ours shall bring nearer the Kingdom of God and His Christ."

Decoration Day came Tuesday, and the Veterans and Sons of Veterans assembled at the public park, in obedience to orders published by Commander Cummins of the G. A. R., and Commander Petree of the Sons of Veterans.

Here the banners were prepared by a committee of ladies, and distributed by them to the members of the two organizations, and led by the color bearer, Bert Maple, and the firing squad in command of Sergeant of the Guard Rostock, Privates Orloff Headley, Frank Rush, Burnes Greens, Ward Headley, Paul Frye, James Rostock, Will Stewart, Harold Rostock, Officer of the Day George Seeman.

The Boy Scouts, under command of W. F. Schulte and Roy Kunkel, rendered service by aiding in gathering up flowers donated and bringing them to the park. The committee of ladies selected to prepare the flowers in suitable shapes and forms for the veterans consisted of Mesdames Tom Curry, George F. Seeman, F. E. Markland, R. H. Dawson, Robert Frye, Robert Hatch, Will Mark, Earl Cooper, William Turnham, J. L. Hogan, F. H. Graham, William Stewart, Clara Castle, S. P. Allen, J. A. Smith, John Simmons, Bert Maple, John Hibbard, Wick Greene, R. C. Kunkel, D. R. Kunkel, James Huntsman, Riley Huiatt, Guy L. Cummins, H. M. Dungan and Frank Petree, and Misses Cora Frye, Hortense Dungan, Mary Hostetter, Margaret Boyd and Ella Castle. Upon the lapel of each veteran was pinned a boutonniere, and to each of them and the Sons of Veterans was given a generous supply of flowers.

Officer of the Day Fuller, of Meyer Post, then made his formation, and the line of march, led by the color bearer and the firing squad, the line of march was taken up to the silent city, where the ritualistic exercises of the Grand Army of the Republic were carried out by Commander Cummins and Chaplain, W. H. Hardman.

Preceding the ritualistic services, Rev. T. D. Roberts, a member of the Post, and who served in an Illinois regiment, on invitation from the Post, delivered an address at the cenotaph, that was full of that patriotic spirit, that touched the hearts of not only his old associates in arms, but the large crowd that was present to listen to him and witness the impressive services of the Grand Arm.

Rev. Roberts said in part: "Another year has come and gone, since we as a nation, stopped and stood still in the presence of our patriotic dead and with willing hands strewn their graves with flowers, beautiful and fragrant, and by song and speech awakened anew a nation's gratitude for the invaluable services and costly sacrifices of her noble sons in behalf of their country."

"It is now more than half a century since the firing on Ft. Sumpter served final notice on the American people that the discussion of the question of human slavery in this country had been appealed from the court of a growing popular sentiment in favor of the abolition of slavery to be settled in the court of the last resort—the stern arbiter of war."

"That first gun of the Civil War of '61-'65 awakened hundreds of thousands of men, both North and South, from their peaceful pursuits and marshalled them upon hundreds of battle fields as foemen of equal bravery and determination. We see them again as they come from the farm, the shop, the store, the bank, the factory, the

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